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# Advisory Circular

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**Subject:** ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY:  
FAA-S-8081-4C. Instrument Rating Practical  
Test Standards for Airplane, Helicopter.  
Powered Lift

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1. **PURPOSE.** This advisory **circular** announces the availability of FAA-S-8081 -4C. **Instrument** Rating Practical Test Standards for Airplane, Helicopter, Powered Lift, and provides information on obtaining printed copies or **electronic access** of this **document**.

2. **CANCELLATION.** AC 61- 111, **Announcement** of Availability: **FAA-S-8081-4B**, Instrument Rating Practical **Test Standards**, dated 11/23/94, is canceled.

3. **BACKGROUND.** FAA-S-8081-4C has been published by **the** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish **the** standards for instrument rating practical tests. FAA inspectors, designated pilot examiners, and check **airmen** (examiners) shall conduct practical tests in **compliance** with these standards. Flight instructors and applicants should find these **standards** helpful in practical test preparation.

4. **DISCUSSION.** FAA-S-808 1-4C contains appendix **1**, TASK VS. SIMULATION DEVICE CREDIT, which provides guidance to FAA personnel responsible for approving specific flight TASKS on a specific device. Appendix **1** reflects the TASKS that may be **checked** using the appropriate level of simulation device.

5. **HOW TO ORDER PRINTED COPIES.** Printed copies of **FAA-S-8081-4C** may be obtained from:

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Title: Instrument Rating Practical Test **Standards** for Airplane, Helicopter. Powered Lift  
Identification: FAA-S-808 1-4C  
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Price: \$4.50

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**6. HOW TO OBTAIN ELECTRONICALLY.** FAA-S-808 I -4C may be accessed through the Internet at [www.fedworld.gov/pub/faa-att/faa-att.htm](http://www.fedworld.gov/pub/faa-att/faa-att.htm), or by computer modem at 703-321-3339. Changes to these standards, in accordance with AC 60-27, Announcement of Availability: Changes to Practical Test Standards, will be available through the Internet and then later incorporated into a printed revision. For a listing of changes, AFS-600's Internet web site may be accessed at [www.mmac.jccbi.gov/afs/afs600.htm](http://www.mmac.jccbi.gov/afs/afs600.htm).



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